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1. SUMMARY: EMBOFFS CALLED AUGUST 15 ON AMBASSADOR ROSARIO MANALO TO DISCUSS PREPARATIONS FOR THE US/ASEAN ECONOMIC CONSULTATIONS. THIS TELEGRAM THUS REPLIES TO A NUMBER OF INSTRUCTIONS REQUESTING INFORMATION ON PARTICIPATION BY ECONOMIC MINISTERS, SCENARIO, ACCREDITATION, PRESS, ETC.

2. GOP DELEGATION: MRS. MANALO CONFIRMED THE PUBLIC DESIGNATION BY PRESIDENT MARCOS AT KUALA LUMPUR OF SECRETARY ROMULO AS HEAD OF THE GOP DELEGATION AND ASEAN SPOKESMAN. OTHER MEMBERS OF THE GOP DELEGATION WOULD INCLUDE ALL THE ECONOMIC MINISTERS -- SICAT OF NEDA, PATERNO OF INDUSTRY, VIRATA OF FINANCE, QUIAZON OF TRADE AND TANCO OF AGRICULTURE. FROM
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DFA WOULD BE UNDERSECRETARY INGLES, ASSISTANT SECRETARY FOR POLITICAL AFFAIRS ARMANDO MANALO (MRS. MANALO'S HUSBAND), MRS. MANALO HERSELF, AND ASSISTANT SECRETARY FOR ECONOMIC AFFAIRS PABLO SUAREZ.

2. THE OTHER ASEAN HEADS OF DELEGATION WOULD BE DATUK HAJI BIN HAMZAH BIN DATUK ABU SAMAH, MINISTER OF TRADE AND INDUSTRY

OF MALAYSIA; RADIUS PRAWIRO, INDONESIAN MINISTER OF TRADE; NGIAM TONG DOW, PERMANENT SECRETARY OF FINANCE AND CHAIRMAN OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT BOARD. THAILAND HAS NOT DESIGNATED ITS CHIEF DELEGATE BUT SAID IT WOULD BE AN UNDERSECRETARY OF STATE.

3. SCENARIO: EMBOFF TRANSMITTED SCENARIO PROPOSED IN STATE 192040 WHICH MRS. MANALO SAID SHE WOULD CONVEY TO ROMULO. SHE SAID ASEAN WOULD ACCEPT IT SINCE IT IS DICTATED BY ASSISTANT SECRETARY HOLBROOKE'S ARRIVAL ON THE MORNING OF THE 8TH. SHE WAS DISAPPOINTED TO HEAR THAT UNDERSECRETARY FOR ECONOMIC AFFAIRS RICHARD COOPER WAS NOT ARRIVING UNTIL THE EVENING OF THE 7TH.

4. ACCREDITATION: MRS. MANALO STATED THAT ALL THAT WAS REQUIRED WAS A NOTE VERBALE FROM THE EMBASSY LISTING THE MEMBERS OF THE DELEGATION. SHE WAS INTERESTED IN WHO WAS GOING TO BE HEAD OF THE U.S. DELEGATION, REFERRING TO THE SCENARIO ABOVE AND INDICATING THAT RUMULO WAS BEING TOUCHY ON THE MATTER OF PROTOCOL.

5. ADMISSION: MRS. MANALO SAID THAT ASEAN PRACTICE HAS BEEN TO AVOID THE TERM "OBSERVERS" IN ORDER TO KEEP THE DIALOGUES RESTRICTED TO THE INTERESTED PARTIES. SHE SUGGESTED THAT OUR NOTE VERBALE ON THE DELEGATION LIST ALL OTHERS FOR WHOM ADMISSION TO THE PROCEEDINGS WAS SOUGHT AS "ADVISERS." LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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EMBOFF COMMENTED THAT THERE MAY BE SOME DIFFICULTY IN DOING THIS, WHEREUPON SHE AGREED TO ACCEPT A SEPARATE NOTE VERBALE REQUESTING ADMISSION FOR SPECIFIED INDIVIDUALS. THE GOP SECRETARIAT WOULD THEN PROVIDE THE REQUIRED NAME TAGS WHICH ALSO FUNCTION AS PASSES. FYI: BESIDES THE ECONOMIC COUNSELORS FROM THE OTHER ASEAN POSTS, WE WOULD LIKE TO SEEK ADMISSION FOR TWO OR THREE ECONOMIC AND POLITICAL OFFICERS.

6. EMBASSY NOMINATES SAM LEE, ACTING ECONOMIC/COMMERCIAL COUNSELOR, FOR INCLUSION ON THE DELEGATION.

7. DRAFTING GROUP: THIS WOULD BE HEADED BY EITHER UNDER-SECRETARY INGLES OR ASSISTANT SECRETARY ARMANDO MANALO, AND WOULD INCLUDE ONE OR TWO REPRESENTATIVES FROM EACH OF THE OTHER ASEAN COUNTRIES AND ANY NUMBER OF REPRESENTATIVES FROM THE USDEL. THE TWO DOCUMENTS TO BE DRAFTED ARE THE SUMMARY RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS (WHICH IS DRAFTED AS THE TALKS PROGRESS) AND THE JOINT PRESS STATEMENT. FOR THIS PURPOSE, MRS. MANALO STATED THAT WASHINGTON MAY NOW WISH TO PREPARE ITS OWN DRAFT SUMMARY OF ITS OPENING STATEMENT AS WELL AS OF ANY FORMAL STATEMENTS MADE UNDER SEPARATE

AGENDA ITEMS. GOP IS CONSIDERING TAPING PROCEEDINGS. ANY
OBJECTIONS? DO WE WANT TO TAPE?

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8. SECRETARIAT: THE GOP, AS THE HOST AND COORDINATOR,
PROVIDES ALL SECRETARIAT SERVICES WHICH ARE DRAWN
PRINCIPALLY FROM NEDA. CANADIAN EMBOFF JOHN SCHRAM STATES
THAT THE GOP SECRETARIAT WAS EFFICIENT DURING THE CANADIAN
CONSULTATIONS, A DRAFT SUMMARY RECORD OF THE PREVIOUS DAY
WAS READY THE NEXT DAY AND OF THE MORNING SESSION BEING
AVAILABLE IN THE EVENING.

9. PRESS BRIEFING: MRS. MANALO SAID THAT THE USUAL PRACTICE
IS FOR A JOINT PRESS BRIEFING AT THE END OF THE CONSULTATIONS
TO BE HELD BY THE ASEAN SPOKESMAN (I.E., ROMULO) AND THE
HEAD OF THE OTHER DELEGATION.

10. AGENDA: MRS. MANALO STATED THAT THE ASEAN COUNTRIES
WOULD LIKE TO BRING UP THE MULTI-FIBER TEXTILE AGREEMENT.
SHE ASKED ALSO WHAT WE MEANT BY "OTHER BUSINESS" IN THE
AGENDA, THAT IS, WHAT WE MIGHT RAISE.

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11. VENUE: THE CONSULTATIONS WOULD BE HELD IN THE PHILIPPINE INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION CENTER (PICC), THE IMPOSING STRUCTURE ESPECIALLY BUILT FOR THE IMF/IBRD MEETING IN 1976. WE WOULD BE MOST PLEASED TO PUT UP COOPER/HOLBROOKE/HEGINBOTHAM ETC. IN AMBASSADOR'S/CHARGE'S ACTING E/C COUNSELOR'S RESIDENCES AND WOULD APPRECIATE SOME INDICATION AS TO WHETHER RESIDENTIAL ACCOMMODATIONS PREFERRED OVER ADMITTED CENTRAL CONVENIENCE OF PHILIPPINE PLAZA HOTEL WHICH IS ADJACENT TO PICC AND TEN MINUTES BY CAR TO EMBASSY.

12. PRESIDENT MARCOS WOULD LIKE TO RECEIVE COOPER AND HOLBROOKE AND MIGHT HOLD A LUNCH FOR THEM. IF THIS SHOULD OCCUR, AND BOTH MEN ARE THUS KEPT AWAY FROM CONSULTATIONS FOR EXTENDED PERIOD OF TIME, MRS. MANALO ASKED WHETHER (AND EXPRESSED STRONG HOPE) THAT DISCUSSIONS WOULD CONTINUE UNDER HEGINBOTHAM? WE SAID WE ASSUMED SO BUT WOULD SEEK ANSWER.

13. SOCIAL: IN ACCORDANCE WITH ESTABLISHED ASEAN PRACTICE, ROMULO WOULD HOST DINNER ON THE FIRST EVENING, THAT IS THE 7TH. THERE MAY THEN BE A SMALL PRESIDENTIAL LUNCH (COOPER AND HOLBROOKE) OR A LARGE PRESIDENTIAL LUNCH (FOR DELEGATES). MRS. MANALO SAID THAT THE USUAL PRACTICE IS FOR THE LEADER OF THE VISITING DELEGATION TO HOST A FUNCTION THE NEXT EVENING. EMBOFF REPLIED WE WOULD BE PREPARED TO GIVE A RECEPTION OR DINNER ON THE EVENING OF 8TH. FYI: THIS REGARD, CHARGE RECOMMENDS DINNER FOR UP TO SEVENTY PERSONS IN THE CHANCERY BALLROOM.

14. NEXT MEETING: MRS. MANALO SAID THAT THE ASEAN PRACTICE IS TO ALTERNATE THE MEETINGS BETWEEN THE TWO PARTIES, THAT THE NEXT MEETING BE HELD IN WASHINGTON, D.C. DEPARTMENT MAY WISH TO CONSIDER TIMING FOR THIS SECOND LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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MEETING.

15. ASEAN PREPARATIONS: MRS. MANALO INFORMED THAT THERE WILL BE TWO PREPARATORY MEETINGS OF THE SENIOR ASEAN OFFICIALS IN MANILA AUGUST 26-28 AND SEPTEMBER 5-6. THERE WILL ALSO BE A MEETING OF THE ECONOMIC MINISTERS IN PATTAYA, THAILAND ON SEPTEMBER 2-4. THE THAILAND MEETING WILL ALSO TAKE UP OTHER SUBJECTS BESIDES THE ASEAN CONSULTATIONS.

16. ADDENDUM: CANADIAN EMBOFF SCHRAM STATES THAT CANADIAN MEETING WAS RELAXED AND INFORMAL. REGARDING ASEAN

PRACTICE OF DESIGNATING HEAD OF DELEGATION AS "LEADER,"
SCHRAM RELATED THAT CANADIAN NOTE SIMPLY LISTED MEMBERS OF
DELEGATION WITHOUT ANY DESIGNATION OF CHIEF. THIS AVOIDED
ANY DECISION BETWEEN EXTAFF AND TRADE AS TO WHO WAS TO
LEAD DELEGATION, BUT ROGERS OF EXTAFF WAS LISTED AHEAD OF
THOMAS OF TRADE. PRESUMABLY EXTAFF WAS SENIOR DEPARTMENT,
BUT IN ANY CASE ROGERS WAS AHEAD ON TWO COUNTS ON
ALPHABETICAL ORDER. ASEAN SECRETARIAT THEN LISTED ROGERS
AS "LEADERS."
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